

Attorney Docket No. YO999-369REMARKS

The present application was filed on June 8, 2000 with claims 1-20. Claims 2, 7-12, and 14-20 have been canceled without prejudice and claims 1, 3-6 and 13 remain pending. Claims 1, 3, 6 and 13 have been amended and claims 1, 6 and 13 are the pending independent claims.

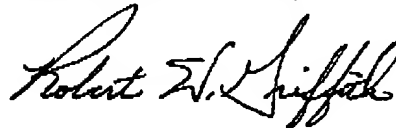
Applicant acknowledges the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2-5, 10 and 17.

In accordance with the Amendment filed July 29, 2005, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 6 and 13 so that they recite the allowable subject matter of dependent claims 2, 10 and 17, respectively. Claims 2, 9, 10, 16, 17 and 20 have been canceled and claim 3 has been amended to correct the dependency from claim 2 to claim 1.

In response to the Amendment filed July 29, 2005, the Examiner contends that dependent claims 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18 and 19 would require further consideration although the independent claims from which they depend have been indicated as allowable. Therefore, claims 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18 and 19 have been canceled in an effort to expedite the application through to issuance.

In view of the above, Applicant believes that claims 1, 3-6 and 13 are in condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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